

Amendments to the Claims

Title: Please change "Communication Account System" to "Dynamically Providing Communication Accounts Using A Communication Account System"

For the paragraph on page 5, beginning on line 27, please make the following amendment:

FIG. 2 is a flow chart illustrating an example of the operation of the communication account system 100 according to the present invention. On FIG. 2 the operation begins at step 200. At step 201, the communication account system 100 receives a communication account request message from one of the communication devices 101, 102, or 103. At step 202, the communication account system 100 processes the communication account request message to validate the requesting communication device e.g. 101. The validation process could be any process where the communication account system 100 confirms that the requesting communication device 101 is a legitimate client. In some examples of the present invention, the validation process could comprise a comparison of an identification associated with the communication device 101 against a list of valid communication device identifications. Responsive to validating the communication device 101 the communication account system 100 associates a communication account with the requesting communication device 101 at step 203. The association process could be any process where the communication account system 100 determines a type of communication account that should be provided and selects that account type from a plurality of available account types for the requesting communication device 101. Responsive to associating a communication account with the communication device 101, the communication account system 100 generates and transmits a response message to the requesting communication device 101 at step 204, and the operation ends at step 205. The response message for the communication device 101 includes the communication account information for the communication device 101.

For the paragraph on page 7, beginning on line 13, please make the following amendment:

On FIG. 4 the operation begins at step 400. At step 401, a user e.g. 104 connects to the web server 301. At step 402, the user 104 conducts a transaction with the web server server 301 that triggers the promotion and the requirement for the promotional calling card account. In response to the transaction, the web server 301 generates and transmits a communication account request message for the communication account system 300 at step 403. The communication account system 300 receives the communication account request message and processes the message to validate the web server 301 at step 404. The validation process includes performing a lookup operation that compares an address identification associated with the web server 301 with a list of valid web server address identifications. Responsive to an affirmative validation, the communication account system 300 processes the communication account request message to associate a communication account with the web server 301 at step 405. In some examples of the invention, the type of communication account associated with the web server 301 is determined by a service agreement between the web server 301 and the communication account system 300. In other examples of the invention, the communication account system 300 could be configured to determine the type of communication account to associate with the web server 301 based on user information provided in the communication account request message by the web server 301. In this case the user information could include various types of information with some examples including but not limited to, the type of transaction conducted by the user 104, the monetary value of the transaction, and the identification of the user 104.

For the paragraph on page 8, beginning on line 19, please make the following amendment:

The communication account system 300 could also store a record associated with the web server 301. The communication account system 300 could use the record to track accounts associated with the web server 301 and generate billing and reporting information for the web server 301. As one example, the communication account system 300 could provide reporting information on the total number of users who purchased specific products or services from the web server. As another example, the communication account system 300 could provide reporting information on the peak traffic times, and the number of ~~customer~~ customers conducting different transactions with the web server 301.

For the paragraph on page 11, beginning on line 3, please make the following amendment:

The communication account system 700 comprises a communication account server 701 and an interface system 702. The communication account server 701 comprises a request manager 705, an account generator 703, and an account database 704. The interface system 702 comprises a wireless interface 706, a wireline interface 707, and a web interface 708. The request manager 705 is connected to the wireless interface 706, the wireline interface 707, the web interface 708, the account generator 703, and the account database 704.

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for dynamically providing communication accounts to web servers using a communication account system for immediate download to users, the method comprising:

receiving a communication account request message from a web server, wherein the communication account request message includes user information for a user;

validating the web server in response to the communication account request message;

associating a communication account with the web server in response to the validation by processing the user information to select a type of the communication account for the web server; and

transferring a response message to the web server indicating communication account information in response to the association.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 the method further comprising:

receiving the communication account request message from the web server in response to a transaction with the web server by a the user.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 2 wherein the user information includes information on the transaction with the web server.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the user information includes an identification of the user.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein validating the web server further comprises: comparing a web server identification to a list of valid web server identifications.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 1 wherein associating the communication account further comprises:

storing a record associated with the web server.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 1 wherein associating the communication account further comprises:

storing a record associated with the user.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 1 wherein the communication account is a wireline account.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 1 wherein the communication account is a wireless account.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 1 wherein the communication account is an internet account.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 1 wherein associating the communication account further comprising comprises:

~~in response to the determination that the user should receive the communication account,~~
determining an amount of prepaid time for the communication account.

14. (Currently Amended) A communication account system for dynamically providing communication accounts to web servers for immediate download to users, the system comprising:

a communication account server configured to validate a web server in response to a communication account request message from the web server, wherein the communication account request message includes user information for a user, associate a communication account with the web server in response to the validation by processing the user information to select a type of the communication account for the web server, and generate a response message indicating communication account information in response to the association; and

a web interface coupled to the communication account server and configured to receive the communication account request message from the web server and transfer the response message to the web server for the communication account system.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14 wherein the web interface receives the communication account request message from the web server in response to a transaction with the web server by a the user.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16 15 wherein the user information includes information on the transaction with the web server.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17 wherein the user information includes an identification of the user.

19. (Original) The system of claim 14 wherein the communication account server is further configured to compare a web server identification to a list of valid web server identifications to validate the web server.

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20 14 wherein the communication account server is further configured to store a record associated with the web server.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20 14 wherein the communication account server is further configured to store a record associated with the user.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20 14 wherein the communication account is a wireline account.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23 14 wherein the communication account is a wireless account

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 24 14 wherein the communication account is an internet account.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25 14 wherein the communication account server is further configured to determine an amount of prepaid time for the communication account in response to the determination that the user should receive the communication account.

27. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having computer-readable instructions in a communication account system for performing a method for dynamically providing communication accounts to web servers for immediate download to users, the method comprising:

receiving a communication account request message from a web server, wherein the communication account request message includes user information for a user;

validating the web server in response to the communication account request message;

associating a communication account with the web server in response to the validation by processing the user information to select a type of the communication account for the web server; and

transferring a response message to the web server indicating communication account information in response to the association.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 27 wherein the method further comprises:

receiving the communication account request message from the web server in response to a transaction with the web server by a the user.

29. (Cancelled).

30. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 29 28 wherein the user information includes information on the transaction with the web server.

31. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 30 wherein the user information includes an identification of the user.

32. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 27 wherein validating the web server further comprises:

comparing a web server identification to a list of valid web server identifications.

33. (Cancelled).

34. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 33 27 wherein associating the communication account further comprises:

storing a record associated with the web server.

35. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 33 27 wherein associating the communication account further comprises:

storing a record associated with the user.

36. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 33 27 wherein the communication account is a wireline account.

37. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 36 27 wherein the communication account is a wireless account

38. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 37 27 wherein the communication account is an internet account.

39. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 38 27 wherein associating the communication account further comprises:

~~in response to the determination that the user should receive the communication account,~~
determining an amount of prepaid time for the communication account.

40. (Currently Amended) A method for dynamically providing communication accounts to wireless devices using a communication account system for immediate transfer to users, the method comprising:

receiving a communication account request message from a wireless device, wherein the communication account request message includes user information for a user;

validating the wireless device in response to the communication account request message;

associating a communication account with the wireless device in response to the validation by processing the user information to select a type of the communication account for the wireless device; and

transferring a response message to the wireless device indicating communication account information in response to the association.

41. (Cancelled).

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41 40 wherein validating the wireless device further comprises:

comparing a wireless device identification to a list of valid wireless device identifications to validate the wireless device.

43. (Cancelled).

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 43 40 wherein associating the communication account further comprises:

storing a record associated with the wireless device.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 43 40 wherein associating the communication account further comprises:

storing a record associated with the user.

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 43 40 wherein the communication account is a wireline account.

47. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 46 40 wherein the communication account is a wireless account

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47 40 wherein the communication account is an internet account.

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48 40 wherein associating the communication account further comprises:

determining an amount of prepaid time for the communication account if the communication account is a pre-paid account.

50. (Currently Amended) A communication account system for dynamically providing communication accounts to wireless devices for immediate transfer to users, the system comprising:

a communication account server configured to validate a wireless device in response to a communication account request message from the wireless device, wherein the communication account request message includes user information for a user, associate a communication account with the wireless device in response to the validation by processing the user information to select a type of the communication account for the wireless device, and generate a response message indicating communication account information in response to the association; and

a wireless interface coupled to the communication account server and configured to receive the communication account request message from the wireless device and transfer the response message to the wireless device for the communication account server.

51. (Cancelled).

52. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 51 50 wherein the communication account server is further configured to compare a wireless device identification to a list of valid wireless device identifications to validate the wireless device.

53. (Cancelled).

54. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 53 50 wherein the communication account server is further configured to store a record associated with the wireless device.

55. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 53 50 wherein the communication account server is further configured to store a record associated with the user.

56. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 53 50 wherein the communication account is a wireline account.

57. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 56 50 wherein the communication account is a wireless account

58. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 57 50 wherein the communication account is an internet account.

59. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 58 50 wherein the communication account server is further configured to determine an amount of prepaid time for the communication account in response to the determination that the user should receive the communication account if the communication account is a pre-paid communication account.

60. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having computer-readable instructions in a communication account system for performing a method for dynamically providing communication accounts to wireless devices for immediate transfer to users, the method comprising:

receiving a communication account request message from a wireless device, wherein the communication account request message includes user information for a user;

validating the wireless device in response to the communication account request message;

associating a communication account with the wireless device in response to the validation by processing the user information to select a type of the communication account for the wireless device; and

transferring a response message to the wireless device indicating communication account information in response to the association.

61. (Cancelled).

62. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 60 wherein validating the wireless device further comprises:

comparing a wireless device identification to a list of valid wireless device identifications to validate the wireless device.

63. (Cancelled).

64. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 63 60 wherein associating the communication account further comprises:

storing a record associated with the wireless device.

65. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 63 60 wherein associating the communication account further comprises:

storing a record associated with the user.

66. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 63 60 wherein the communication account is a wireline account.

67. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 66 60 wherein the communication account is a wireless account

68. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 67 60 wherein the communication account is an internet account.

69. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 68 60 wherein associating the communication account further comprises:

~~in response to the determination that the user should receive the communication account,~~
determining an amount of prepaid time for the communication account if the communication account is a pre-paid account.

70-99. (Cancelled).